

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.
Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this special meeting of the Governing Body were sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and was filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Di Paolo (via phone), Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-present
Council members LaBruno and Rossillo-absent
Mayor James Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

#18-234 Authorization of Execution of Thomas Richards' Contract * Councilman Manna explained that we had begun the process of presenting Mr. Richards with a contract in January or February but he had wanted us to address the issues of the Borough prior to that. We provided him with a six-month review.

#18-235 Approval of Update of the Borough's Personnel Policies and Procedures as requested by MEL-deadline October 1, 2018 *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, 67 Beacon Street, asked what MEL stands for. Mr. Lafferty replied that it stands for Municipal Excess Liability insurance fund. Mayor Kelly said that the labor attorney has been working on this and the deadline is October 1st, which is why we had a special meeting tonight.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart
Second: Councilman Manna
All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Mr. Richards thanked the Council for his contract. He said he has enjoyed working with the Council and with the employees. The employees give their best efforts for the betterment of this community every day and it's an honor to serve with them.

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1553 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property by the Borough of Dumont at 19 W. Quackenbush Avenue, Dumont, New Jersey

Motion to waive the formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

All in favor.

Councilman Manna explained that this is part of the property acquisition planned for the new borough hall.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Stewart

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, Manna, Riquelme, Stewart-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Maryann Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, questioned the dates on Mr. Richards' contract and the retro payment. Councilman Manna said there would be a 2½ % retro payment. Ms. Russini asked if 19 Quackenbush is the last property and what the Borough pays. The answer was that there is still one more property. Mr. Lafferty said the Borough would be paying his fees and title fees. The owner had asked if she could stay in her house up to six months but this has not been finalized. The closing will take place in the next three to four weeks. Mayor Kelly added that that property is not crucial to the demolition of the building. She would pay insurance and utilities in the meantime.

2. deLyon, Beacon Street, is concerned about exceeding the bond ordinance for the new municipal complex. He said the demolition of three properties at one time would be less expensive than separate demolition. He asked for the legal fees associated with the property acquisition.

3. Mary Normoyle, 106 Randolph, asked about the spraying by the Mosquito Commission. Mr. Richards explained that the County has come in numerous times to spray in the past. There was discussion as to how to notify people who do not have computers or smart phones. The Mayor said he will be meeting with the County Executive to discuss notifications. Ms. Normoyle brought up the fact that Councilman LaBruno is not at meetings and compared that to former Councilwoman Correa. The by-laws address the number of phone calls permitted.

4. Maryann Russini asked for the name of the person in the County who said they sprayed the whole town. She was told it was only certain sections.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Stewart

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk